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Please amend the Application as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract with the following. Please note that a new abstract is included herewith on a separate sheet for the Office's convenience.

-- **IMPROVEMENTS IN PRESERVATIVES FOR WOOD-BASED PRODUCTS**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a method of using triadimefon and/or triadimenol as a preservative for the protection of glued wood-based products against attack and destruction of microorganisms. The method is characterized in that triadimefon and/or triadimenol is applied during the manufacturing process of the glued wood-based products. --

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following beginning at line 6, after the title, on page 1 of the specification.

-- **CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS**

The present patent application claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) and 35 U.S.C. §365 of International Application No. PCT/NZ2003/00280, filed 17 December 2003, which was published in English as International Patent Publication No. WO 2004/054766 A1 on 1 July 2004, which is entitled to the right of priority of New Zealand Patent Application No.'s 523237, filed on 18 December 2002. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1 at line 13 of the specification with the following paragraph:

-- As used herein, "fibre" shall be interchangeable with "fiber" and be attributed the same meaning. As a biological material, wood is subject to attack by fungi and insects. These organisms may damage the appearance of the wood, and they may

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